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WITH NEATNESS AND DISPATCH.
SALE BILLS,
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INVITATIONS,
ETC., ETC.
CALL AND SEE US.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The financial outlook in Europe is very gloomy.

Grains are going very freely to the United Kingdom from the Northern Pacific.

There are sixty miles of snow sheds on the Central Pacific railroad.

The output of matches in the United States amounts to \$1,000,000 a year.

Wheat is in great demand in the South, owing to their scarcity.

VERAHLER, Mo., claims a vein of coal 80 feet thick, the thickest vein on earth.

Two doctors and a livery-stable man were caught blowing open a bank safe in Garden, Ill.

Trouble in Madagascar is feared on account of the natives resisting a claim made by France.

The largest chicken ranch in the world is on an island in Bellingham bay, Puget sound.

It is estimated that 3,000 car loads of oranges will be shipped from California during the coming season.

It is generally believed that congress will make a thorough investigation of the Mervil bank failure.

The mail line between Halifax and England has just been discontinued for the first time in fifty years.

Mrs. ROBERT LINCOLN, wife of the United States minister to England, is spending the winter at Tours.

Two hundred and seventy women are now in the Harvard annex, but they don't count in football statistics.

The sufferers by the great Boston fire, nineteen years ago, who still survive, were paid \$2,500 during the past year.

By rabbinical law the Jew is allowed to drink to intoxication on two days of the year—Purim and Simchat Torah.

It is stated that the crops of this year will enable the farmers of the west to pay off \$200,000,000 of mortgages.

During last year 500 men were killed outright and 7,500 maimed and mangled while coupling cars on the railways of this country.

A Polish inventor claims to have discovered a process of manufacturing smokeless and odorless coal at a cost of a dollar a ton.

POST OFFICES were first established in France in 1164. The first English post office was opened in 1581, the first German office in 1584.

A CONJECTURE man has invented a machine which automatically feeds his chickens at night and morning. It is run by clockwork.

The fame of Chinese men is preserved by their cast-off clothes. An old hat of Dillon, the Irish leader, recently sold in Australia for \$25.

Mrs. THOMAS NELSON, of Astoria, Ore., drowned her husband by mistake because her husband refused to allow her to hold the baby.

Much of the barley arriving at Chicago is going on sales previously made, and the stocks there are less than half that of last year at this time.

The arm of a compositor who works eight hours at the case setting type, travels a distance of from six to seven miles according to a statistician.

MARCELA AYALA, a Chilean, is one of the oldest sinners on record. He is over 100 years old and is convict No. 14,477 in the California state prison.

Last year there was spent in this country for tea the sum of \$20,000,000 for coffee, \$122,500,000, and for malt and spirituous beverages, \$90,000,000.

THERE is a new element, a mineral discovery in the Hawaiian islands. It is composed of cubic crystals of a fine blue color, and has been christened "holite."

The wooden shoe-peg was invented in 1815 by John Walker of Massachusetts. Millions of walkers have since then pegged along enjoying his invention.

The first iron bridge, built in 1778, still spans a little stream between Worcester and Shrewsbury, England. It is about 96 feet long and weighs 375 tons.

The fashionable point for grasping sticks and umbrellas in London is about six inches from the ferrule, the handles being allowed to dangle downward.

An equestrian statue of Gen. William Henry Harrison has been designed by Robinson of Cincinnati and is likely to be cast in bronze at Chicago, Mass.

The tower bridge over the Thames, built on the Rascelle principle, has caused the untimely death of a man, having refused to insure vessels that have to pass beneath it.

WM. SAVERIN, of Catawago, Pa., aged 105 years, believes that he is the oldest tobacco smoker in the world, having used the weed without a day's break for over ninety years.

At the newly discovered metalliferous mines in Texas, the miners struck "blacked lead" of silver ore almost at the surface of the mountain into which they had been tunneling.

CHINA has been warned that at the end of the appointed time the combined powers will seize her customs receipts and hold them till satisfaction for the mission riots has been given.

The amount of wheat which the United States will be called upon to send to help out the Europeans, demand is a round 1,000,000 bushels, which will make a big hole in the surplus.

MACON, Ga., is rejoicing over the fact that the Ocmulgee river is now navigable "from the city to the Atlantic ocean," and has within a year become an important highway of commerce.

It has been generally supposed that Rev. Arthur Bell Nichols, the husband of Charlotte Bronie, was dead, but he is still living in an obscure parish in Ireland, where he occasionally preaches.

AGRICULTURAL labor is said to be so scarce in some of the midland counties of England that the farmers are lying in the fields unharvested, notwithstanding that wages have been advanced twenty per cent.

Mrs. MARY SMITH, of Whitesboro, Ga., is the proud possessor of a quilt quilted over 100 years ago by a Quaker, a niece of Gen. Zachary Taylor, who picked and spun the cotton which it is made.

A PROMINENT Chicago operator in this country will appreciate the situation when Europe takes from this side practically 7,000,000 bushels of wheat per week, or about as much each week as the entire stock now in New York.

The latest victim to the photographic craze is no less a person than the German emperor himself. During her trip last summer she took a fancy for photographing some of the prettiest places in the sea, and now she has become so much in love with the art that she takes a camera wherever she goes and spends half her royal time developing.

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Importers of the United States.

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A LAND SLIDE.

Frightful Catastrophe Near Tacoma, on the Northern Pacific Railroad.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 27.—A land slide occurred on the Northern Pacific near Canton Station, fifty miles from here, which caused the death of fifteen men and the possibly fatal injury of twenty more. The slide occurred at the base of a high bluff, at the foot of which the railroad runs along the bank of the Green river, and came without warning to the doomed men, who were sent into slavery with any sort of an opportunity to help themselves. A force of about sixty men were sent out from Tacoma to fix up the track, which had been injured by the recent floods and washouts.

When the slide came thousands of tons of earth and stone were sent crashing down upon the men, some of whom were thrown into the river and drowned before they could help themselves. Some of the bodies were undoubtedly carried down stream and it will be some time before they can be found.

As soon as the injured men could be rescued, the work of digging for the bodies of the killed, but it is very slow and laborious work. A relief train was sent out from Tacoma, and arrived at night with the wounded, many of whom are in a precarious condition, and can hardly live through the night. Most of the dead are Irishmen and Swedes. One man named Andrew Larsen was thrown nearly across the river by the force of the slide, but was comparatively uninjured, and managed to swim out.

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RANSOMED.

The Price for the Return of a Stolen Boy.

Five Thousand Dollars Was the Price Paid by a Kansas City Banker—The Kidnaping of the Work of a Waitress in the Man's Employ.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving day, a day of rejoicing, was transformed into a day of sadness for David T. Beals and his family. His two-year-old boy was kidnapped and held for ransom. Friday, one of sorrow for the family, was transformed into a day of